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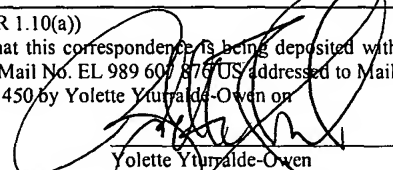
For: **METHOD FOR FASTER TIMING CLOSURE AND BETTER QUALITY OF RESULTS
IN IC PHYSICAL DESIGN**

ENCLOSURES

- ☒ 10 page application including specification, claims and abstract;
- ☒ 7 sheets (Figs. 1- 6) of ☒ informal/☐ formal drawings;
- ☒ Declaration, Power of Attorney & Petition (☐ signed/☒ unsigned);
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and
- ☐ Assignment of the invention with a recordation form cover sheet;
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status (Under 37 CFR 1.27);
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- ☐ Request to Not Publish and Certification Under 35 USC 122(b)(2)(B)(i).

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- ☐ This application is a _____ of _____ Patent Application Serial No. _____, filed _____ (35 USC 120).
- ☒ This application claims the benefit of the priority date of an earlier filed U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/420,880, filed October 23, 2002 (35 USC 119).
- ☐ This is an application filed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53, permitting receipt of a filing date upon filing of specification, claims and drawings, if required, with applicant being given a period of one month from the date of notice to file the fee and oath or declaration.
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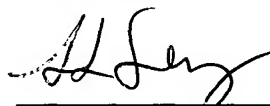
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